

## SENATE BILL No. 433

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-30-1-4; IC 35-31.5-2-282; IC 35-47; IC 35-50-2-13.

**Synopsis:** Shotguns. Repeals the prohibition against manufacturing, importing, selling, or possessing a sawed-off shotgun. Provides for a 10 year sentence enhancement if a person possesses a sawed-off shotgun in violation of federal law while committing certain offenses. Makes conforming amendments.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 31-30-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.168-2014,  
2 SECTION 40, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) The juvenile court does not have jurisdiction  
4 over an individual for an alleged violation of:  
5 (1) IC 35-41-5-1(a) (attempted murder);  
6 (2) IC 35-42-1-1 (murder);  
7 (3) IC 35-42-3-2 (kidnapping);  
8 (4) IC 35-42-4-1 (rape);  
9 (5) IC 35-42-4-2 (criminal deviate conduct) (before its repeal);  
10 (6) IC 35-42-5-1 (robbery) if:  
11 (A) the robbery was committed while armed with a deadly  
12 weapon; or  
13 (B) the robbery results in bodily injury or serious bodily  
14 injury;  
15 (7) IC 35-42-5-2 (carjacking) (before its repeal);  
16 (8) IC 35-47-2-1 (carrying a handgun without a license), if



1 charged as a felony;

2 (9) IC 35-47-10 (children and firearms), if charged as a felony; or

3 ~~(10) IC 35-47-5-4.1 (dealing in a sawed-off shotgun); or~~

4 ~~(11) (10)~~ any offense that may be joined under IC 35-34-1-9(a)(2)

5 with any crime listed in subdivisions ~~(1)~~ through ~~(10)~~; **this**

6 **subsection;**

7 if the individual was at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time of the  
8 alleged violation.

9 (b) Once an individual described in subsection (a) has been charged  
10 with any crime listed in subsection (a), the court having adult criminal  
11 jurisdiction shall retain jurisdiction over the case even if the individual  
12 pleads guilty to or is convicted of a lesser included offense. A plea of  
13 guilty to or a conviction of a lesser included offense does not vest  
14 jurisdiction in the juvenile court.

15 SECTION 2. IC 35-31.5-2-282, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
16 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
17 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 282. "Sawed-off shotgun", for purposes of  
18 ~~IC 35-47~~, has the meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-47-1-10~~. **IC 35-50-2-13,**  
19 **means:**

20 **(1) a shotgun having one (1) or more barrels less than eighteen**

21 **(18) inches in length; and**

22 **(2) any weapon made from a shotgun (whether by alteration,**  
23 **modification, or otherwise) if the weapon as modified has an**  
24 **overall length of less than twenty-six (26) inches.**

25 SECTION 3. IC 35-47-1-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
26 2015]. Sec. ~~10~~: "Sawed-off shotgun" means:

27 ~~(1) a shotgun having one (1) or more barrels less than eighteen~~  
28 ~~(18) inches in length; and~~

29 ~~(2) any weapon made from a shotgun (whether by alteration;~~  
30 ~~modification; or otherwise) if the weapon as modified has an~~  
31 ~~overall length of less than twenty-six (26) inches.~~

32 SECTION 4. IC 35-47-5-4.1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
33 1, 2015]. Sec. ~~4.1~~: (a) A person who:

34 ~~(1) manufactures;~~

35 ~~(2) causes to be manufactured;~~

36 ~~(3) imports into Indiana;~~

37 ~~(4) keeps for sale;~~

38 ~~(5) offers or exposes for sale; or~~

39 ~~(6) gives, lends, or possesses;~~

40 ~~any sawed-off shotgun commits dealing in a sawed-off shotgun, a Level~~  
41 ~~6 felony.~~

42 (b) The presence of a weapon referred to in subsection (a) in a



1 motor vehicle (as defined under IC 9-13-2-105(a)) except for school  
 2 buses and a vehicle operated in the transportation of passengers by a  
 3 common carrier (as defined in IC 8-2.1-17-4) creates an inference that  
 4 the weapon is in the possession of the persons occupying the motor  
 5 vehicle. However, the inference does not apply to all the persons  
 6 occupying the motor vehicle if the weapon is found upon, or under the  
 7 control of, one (1) of the occupants. In addition, the inference does not  
 8 apply to a duly licensed driver of a motor vehicle for hire who finds the  
 9 weapon in the licensed driver's motor vehicle in the proper pursuit of  
 10 the licensed driver's trade.

11 (c) This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer who is  
 12 acting in the course of the officer's official duties or to a person who  
 13 manufactures or imports for sale or sells a sawed-off shotgun to a law  
 14 enforcement agency.

15 SECTION 5. IC 35-50-2-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.71-2005,  
 16 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 17 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 13. (a) The state may seek, on a page separate  
 18 from the rest of a charging instrument, to have a person who allegedly  
 19 committed an offense of dealing in a controlled substance under  
 20 IC 35-48-4-1 through IC 35-48-4-4 sentenced to an additional fixed  
 21 term of imprisonment if the state can show beyond a reasonable doubt  
 22 that the person knowingly or intentionally:

23 (1) used a firearm; or

24 (2) possessed a:

25 (A) handgun in violation of IC 35-47-2-1;

26 (B) sawed-off shotgun in violation of ~~IC 35-47-5-4.1~~; **federal**  
 27 **law**; or

28 (C) machine gun in violation of IC 35-47-5-8;

29 while committing the offense.

30 (b) If the person was convicted of the offense in a jury trial, the jury  
 31 shall reconvene to hear evidence in the enhancement hearing. If the  
 32 trial was to the court, or the judgment was entered on a guilty plea, the  
 33 court alone shall hear evidence in the enhancement hearing.

34 (c) If the jury (if the hearing is by jury) or the court (if the hearing  
 35 is to the court alone) finds that the state has proved beyond a  
 36 reasonable doubt that the person knowingly or intentionally committed  
 37 an offense as described in subsection (a), the court may sentence the  
 38 person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of not more than  
 39 five (5) years, except as follows:

40 (1) If the firearm is a sawed-off shotgun, the court may sentence  
 41 the person to an additional fixed term of imprisonment of not  
 42 more than ten (10) years.



1 (2) If the firearm is a machine gun or is equipped with a firearm  
2 silencer or firearm muffler, the court may sentence the person to  
3 an additional fixed term of imprisonment of not more than twenty  
4 (20) years. The additional sentence under this subdivision is in  
5 addition to any additional sentence imposed under section 11 of  
6 this chapter for use of a firearm in the commission of an offense.

